UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA SOUTHERN DIVISION

LILLIE WILLIAMS, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) Case No.: 2:17-cv-1101-LCB
)
FRED'S STORES OF)
TENNESSEE, INC.,)
)
Defendant.)

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 9, 2019, Defendant Fred's Stores of Tennessee, Inc. (Fred's) filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. (Doc. 47). Four days later, Fred's filed a Suggestion of Bankruptcy in this action. *Id.* Under 11 U.S.C. § 362(a), Fred's petition in the Bankruptcy Court automatically stays these proceedings.

The Clerk is therefore **DIRECTED** to close this file for administrative and statistical purposes. This closure will have no effect on the Court's jurisdiction over the case, and it may be reopened, if appropriate, on either party's motion.

DONE and **ORDERED** this January 27, 2021.

LILES C. BURKE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE